

MARTINSVILLE BULLETIN

Editorial: Remember servicemen who died

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If Memorial Day weekend means a long break from work, a picnic with friends or a day at the lake, pause for a moment to remember the men and women who have died while in military service. That is the true purpose and meaning of Memorial Day.

Such an observance is fitting every year, but especially when the nation is at war. The thousands of people who have died while serving their country deserve to be remembered and honored.

There are many opportunities to do that here this weekend. Special services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Roselawn Burial Park and 7 p.m. Monday at Carver Memorial Gardens. Also, the Martinsville-Henry County Veterans Honor Guard will raise the United States flag at a ceremony at noon Monday at the Martinsville Municipal Building. The guard and the Martinsville Exchange Club also were to place 100 flags along the streets uptown this weekend to mark the holiday.

We hope area residents will attend these events and pay their respects to those who gave their lives for our freedom. Those who cannot take part should, at the least, reflect on the contributions and sacrifices of our military. It is the least any of us can do.